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and
Public Health Inspector

Year ended 31st December, 1961


Hyngddislyn Urban District Council



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PONTLLANFRAITH,
BLACKWOOD, MON.

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1st January to 21st May, 1961

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Vice Chairman.....T. E. Morgan.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Committee consists of all Members of the Council

Chairman - Councillor C. C. Thomas

Day of meeting - First Tuesday in
each Month

Medical Officer of Health - Dr. H. V. M. Jones, M. B. (London)
D.P.H. (Liverpool)

Public Health Inspector and Shops Inspector - J. Lloyd Jones,
M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

MYNYDDISLWYN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Area of District	5,415 acres
Rateable Value at 31st March, 1961	£116,733.
Product of ld. Rate 1961	£437.6.11d.
Population (Estimated Mid 1960)	15,460
Population (Estimated Mid 1961)	15,390
Birth Rate per 1,000 population 1960 (Crude)	15.8
Birth Rate per 1,000 population 1960 (Adjusted)	15.8
Birth Rate per 1,000 population 1961 (Crude)	18.1
Birth Rate per 1,000 population 1961 (Adjusted)	18.1
Live Births for 1960	244
Live Births for 1961	278
Number of Deaths for 1960	144
Death Rate per 1,000 of the population for 1960 (Crude)	9.3
Death Rate per 1,000 of the population for 1960 (Adjusted)	12.5
Number of Deaths for 1961	181
Death Rate per 1,000 of the population for 1961 (Crude)	11.8
Death Rate per 1,000 of the population for 1961 (Adjusted)	15.8
Infant Mortality Rate for 1960	40.9
Infant Mortality Rate for 1961	32.4

MYNYDDISLWYN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

R E P O R T

To the Chairman and Members
of the Mynyddislwyn Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Brown and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting the Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1961.

There were four deaths from motor accidents and three suicides. This is more than one cares to see.

Coronary Disease - "blockage of the arteries of the heart" is related to worry and cigarette smoking, and together with vascular lesions of the nervous system, "strokes", forms the main cause of death nowadays.

Our figures are not unduly high for the size of the population. Seven deaths from cancer, two of the lung, and one (leukaemia) of the blood is a relative small number. 1961 was a healthy year.

Monitoring over the County for gamma radiation, probably Strontium 90 fall-out, registered an increase after the Russian bombs, but such increase was of quite insignificant importance.

I am,
Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Brown and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

H. V. M. JONES.

Medical Officer of Health.

Births and Infantile Mortality Rates

Number of births registered locally belonging to the District	..	120
Number of births registered outside the District	158
Total number of births given in the Registrar General's Return	..	278
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population (Crude)	..	18.1
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population (Adjusted)		18.1
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births	2.5
Number of still births	0
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live and still births	0
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)	9
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	32.4
Legitimate infant Deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	33.2
Illegitimate infant Deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	..	0
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	..	21.6
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	..	18.0
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	..	18.0
Number of deaths from pregnancy, child-birth, abortion	0
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	0

Showing the Comparisons of the Vital Statistics
of Mynyddislwyn Urban District, the County of
Monmouthshire, England and Wales for the year 1961.

	Mynyddislwyn Urban District	The County of Monmouthshire	England and Wales
Live Birth Rate per 1000 population	18.1	17.85	17.4
Still Birth Rate per 1000 live and still births	0	23.39	18.7
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1000 live births	32.4	27.97	21.4
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still born and deaths of infants under 1 week of age) per 1000 live and still births	18.0	39.9	-
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (first 4 weeks) per 1000 live births	21.6	21.10	-
Total Death Rate per 1000 of population (adjusted)	15.8	14.36	12.0

T A B L E 1

Showing the number of births registered in the Mynyddislwyn Urban Area during 1961, according to sex, month, quarter of occurrence, together with transferable births

Month	Male	Female	Total	Quarterly Births
January	5	7	12	
February	6	1	7	
March	5	1	6	
April	5	3	8	25
May	8	9	17	
June	-	4	4	29
July	4	4	8	
August	9	9	18	
September	5	7	12	38
October	3	5	8	
November	7	5	12	
December	3	5	8	28
Totals	60	60	120	120
Inward Transferable Births	82	76	158	-
Grand Total for 1961	142	136	278	-

T A B L E 11

Showing the infant deaths (i.e. deaths in infants under 1 years of age)
occurring during 1961, by cause and in age groups

Cause of death	0 to 4 weeks	4 weeks to 1 year
Tuberculosis Respiratory	-	-
Other		
Syphilitic disease	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-
Meningococcal Infection	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
Measles	-	-
Cancer (Malignant Disease)	-	-
Heart Disease	1	1
Influenza	-	-
Pneumonia (all forms)	-	-
Bronchitis	-	-
Other respiratory diseases	-	-
Congenital malformations	-	-
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	-	-
Violence	-	-
Atelectasis	-	-
Prematurity	2	-
Erythroblastosis Foetalis or Incompatibility of Parents' Blood Group	-	-
Other causes	3	1
TOTAL	6	2

Showing cases of Deaths.

Causes	Male 113	Female 68
Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	-
Tuberculosis, other	-	-
Syphilitic disease	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-
Meningococcal infection	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
Measles	-	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	2	-
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	3
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	8	2
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	12	16
Coronary disease, angina	21	4
Hypertension with heart disease	3	16
Other heart disease	16	-
Other circulatory disease	-	3
Influenza	1	2
Pneumonia	6	1
Bronchitis	15	2
Other disease of respiratory system	3	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	2	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-
Congenital malformations	2	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	6	8
Motor vehicle accidents	4	-
All other accidents	3	4
Suicide	3	-
Homicide and operations of war	-	-
Deaths of infants under one year of age	4	5
Legitimate	4	5
Illegitimate	-	-
Total Births	142	136
Legitimate	139	132
Illegitimate	3	4
Still Births	-	-
Legitimate	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-

T A B L E 1V

Showing monthly notifications of tuberculosis (all forms) for the year 1961

Month	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
January	1	-	-	-	1
February	-		-	-	
March		-	-	-	
April			-	-	
May	1	-	-	-	1
June	1	-	-	-	1
July	1	-	-	-	1
August	-	-	-	-	-
September	-	-	-	-	-
October	-	-	-	-	-
November	-	-	-	-	-
December	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	4	-	-	-	4

TABLE V

Comparison of Annual Tuberculosis Statistics

	Yearly Notification of Tuberculosis				Total Yearly cases of Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Deaths from Tuberculosis				Total yearly deaths from Tuberculosis
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary			Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		
	Males	Females	Males	Females		Males	Females	Males	Females	
1952	7	9	1	-	17	5	-	-	1	6
1953	3	12	1	3	19	-	-	5	-	5
1954	17	4	1	1	23	5	-	-	-	5
1955	5	5	-	1	11	-	-	3	-	3
1956	9	7	1	1	18	-	-	2	2	4
1957	13	4	1	1	19	-	-	1	-	1
1958	2	3	-	1	6	1	-	1	-	2
1959	14	4	-	1	19	-	1	-	-	1
1960	8	4	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-
1961	4	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-

Analysis of Infectious Diseases in this District during 1961 showing age/sex distribution of the cases of Infectious Diseases notified in the District in 1961, also showing admission of same to Hospital

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DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION
for six months ended 30th June, 1961.

	Age at date of final injection (as regards A) or of reinforcing injection (as regards B.)			
	Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 14	Total
A. Number of children who completed a full course of primary immunisation in the Authority's area (including temporary residents) during the six months	1	178	28	206
B. Number of children who received a secondary (reinforcing) injection (i.e. subsequently to primary immunisation at an earlier age) during the six months ended 30th June, 1961	-	-	58	58
Six months ended 31st December, 1961				
	Age at date of final injection (as regards A) or of reinforcing injection (as regards B)			
	Under 1	1 to 4	5 - 14	Total
A. Number of children who completed a full course of primary immunisation in the Authority's area (including temporary residents) during the six months	80	67	18	165
B. Number of children who received a secondary (reinforcing injection (i.e. subsequently to primary immunisation at an earlier age) during the six months ended 31st December, 1961	-	7	55	62

SMALLPOX VACCINATION

1. Number of persons vaccinated (or re-vaccinated) during period						
Age at date of vaccination	Under 1	1	2 to 4	5 to 14	15 or over	Total
Number vaccinated	90	27	8	2	NIL	127
Number re-vaccinated	-	1	1	-	2	4
2. Number of cases specially reported during period (Age groups as above)						
(a) Generalised Vaccinia	-	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Post-vaccinal Encephalomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Death from complications of vaccination other than (a) or (b)	-	-	-	-	-	-

Mynyddislwyn Urban District Council



Public Health Inspector's

R E P O R T

for the year

1961

To the Chairman and Members of the
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F O O D S

Milk Supply

There are 13 retailers who sell milk from dairies situated in this area.

Licences to sell designated milk i.e. Pasteurised, Sterilised and Tuberculin Tested milk were formerly issued by the local authority, but recent legislation has now imposed this duty on the County Council. The number of licenses issued to sell all types of designated milk was 13.

39 samples of milk were taken by the County Authority for analysis, all of which reached the required standard.

10 samples were taken by me and submitted for bacteriological examination. All of them reached the required standard.

Number of inspections of Dairy Premises	-	12
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Ice-cream

By far the most of the ice-cream sold in the area is manufactured and pre-packed outside the area. As seen below, of the 39 retailers in the area, only two of them produced their own ice-cream.

There are 39 retailers of ice-cream on the Register.

Number of premises registered during 1961	-	3
Number of premises registered	-	39
Number of registered persons producing	-	2
Number of inspections of premises and vehucles	-	61
Number of samples taken	-	18

In connection with the inspection of food premises, the following is a summary of the visits made throughout the year.

Type of premises	No. of Visits made
Butchers' Shops	- 63
Greengrocer Shops	- 71
Fishmongers Shops	- 9
Premises registered for preparation of Food	- 103
Other premises where food is stored/and/or sold	- 74
Cafes and Canteens	- 27
Premises registered for the sale of ice-cream	- 20
Licensed Premises	17

Food and Drugs Act - Sampling

My acknowledgement is due again to the Weights and Measures Department for the County, in supplying me with the following information of samples of food and drink taken for examination under the Food and Drugs Act in this area.

During the year 1961 48 samples were taken, consisting of:-

38 Milk: 6 Other Foods: 3 Ice-Cream.

I am happy to say that the Public Analyst certified all the samples to be in accordance with the various standards required.

Meat Inspection

There is at present no slaughterhouse in the area. Nearly all the meat obtained in the area is purchased from slaughterhouses in Maesycwmmmer, Newport and Abergavenny, and all those premises are maintained by an adequate inspection staff.

General Information and Statistics on the

Council's Swimming Baths at Pontllanfraith

The attendance figures show that the younger generation at least are increasingly enthusiastic in swimming, and show considerably more hardihood than adults in ignoring inclement weather.

	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>
Bathers (adults)	3,350	9,398	2,423	2,449
Bathers (juvenile)	17,927	36,004	14,961	25,010
Spectators (adults)	1,262	3,085	1,088	1,538
Spectators (juvenile)	950	3,057	1,180	1,828

The figure for juvenile bathers include 7,346 attendances of children in supervised school parties, who received swimming instruction. This is a big increase on last year's figure of 2095

Mortuary Facilities

The District is provided with a modern well equipped mortuary and its facilities are often used by neighbouring authorities who have no mortuary of their own.

During the year, it was used on 34 occasions and the number of post mortems carried out was 31.

H O U S I N G 1 9 6 1

Number of new houses erected during the year..... 66

1. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices:
 Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority of their Officers..... 70

Proceedings under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957:

1. Number of dwelling houses closed..... 2
2. Number of dwelling houses demolished..... 11
3. Number of families re-housed..... 8

Proceedings under the Public Health Acts & Housing Act 1957:

1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied..... 8
2. Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:
 - (a) By owners..... 8
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners..... -
3. Number of unfit houses made fit after formal action under the Housing Act, 1957..... 3

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948 Sec. 50

On three occasions during the year it was reported to me that a destitute person had died and that there was no one responsible for making the burial arrangements. After making enquiries I verified the facts, and accordingly I made the necessary arrangements with the undertaker normally engaged by the Council.

Water Supplies

The local water undertakers the Abertillery & District Water Board provide a good mains water supply to all parts of the area with the exception of a few isolated farms and cottages which are too remote, or are situated in such an elevated position that they cannot be fed by gravity. Pressure on the whole is good, and in the districts where it is poor on occasions because of corroded mains this is being improved by descaling operations.

During the year, 15 samples of the Board's water were taken and submitted for bacteriological examination and all proved satisfactory

9 Samples were taken from two sources of ~~untreated~~ water which was suspected of being contaminated. The samples were consistently below standard and as a result one source of supply was discontinued and the other water supply was improved by sand filtration.

The Problem of Litter

The task of trying to keep the district free from litter, and the deposit of house-hold refuse on waste ground and back lanes, presents an increasingly difficult and frustrating problem, and one which is shared by most of my colleagues over the country. The powers of the Litter Act 1958, and nation wide exhortations by interested bodies to "Keep Britain Tidy" have largely failed to arrest the evil.

It is surprising to what lengths, some people go in order to foul the vicinity of their homes. I have seen house-hold garbage dumped in the middle of a large briar patch a hundred yards from the nearest house. Obviously someone had thought it easier to hump a heavy load through brambles rather than place it in a bin for collection from his own back door. I enjoy walking along our lovely mountain lanes on summer evenings, but frequently my enjoyment has been spoiled by the sight of ugly piles of rubbish consisting of old mattresses, tins, linoleum etc. dumped in the lay-byes, or any other spot where the perpetrator found it convenient to stop his vehicle. Further afield one can hardly visit any country beauty spot or beach without being offended by the refuse remaining after some inconsiderate tripper has enjoyed his picnic meal.

At to the remedy, I think that this is largely a matter of education of the young. The difficulties of enforcing the law are fairly obvious, for the offender rarely offends whenever anyone in authority is present. I think that children should be trained in environmental tidiness in the same way that they are taught road safety. The reward would be, not the saving of life, but an increase in the enjoyment of it.

Finally, I would make an earnest appeal to everyone to assist in the fight against disease by refraining from dumping house-hold refuse in back lanes and waste ground, and when visiting the fair places of this lovely land, not to spoil other people's appreciation of it by leaving their litter behind.

H O U S I N G

The following table indicates the progress of building in this area by the Local Authority and by private enterprise

	Temporary Pre-Fabs	Traditional (including requisitioned Property)	Total
Number of dwellings owned by the Local Authority on 31st December, 1961 (including flats)	99	1275	1374
Number of houses in course of erection on 31st December, 1961	-	19	19
Number of houses for which sanction had been given, but which had not been commenced on 31st December, 1961	-	-	-
Number of dwellings completed during the year			
(a) By Local Authority	-	28	28
(b) By Private Enterprise		38	38
Total			66

RENT ACT 1957

The following table summarises the administrative work involved in the operation of the Act during the year under review

Applications for Certificates of Disrepair

(1) Number of applications for certificates	2
(2) Number of decisions not to issue certificates	NIL
(3) Number of decisions to issue certificates	2
(a) in respect of some but not all defects	2
(b) in respect of all defects	NIL
(4) Number of undertakings given by landlords under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	NIL
(5) Number of undertakings refused by Local Authority under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	NIL
(6) Number of certificates issued	2

Applications for Cancellations of Certificates

(1) Applications by landlords to Local Authority for cancellation of certificates	1
(2) Objection by tenant to cancellation of certificate	NIL
(3) Decision by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenant's objection	NIL
(4) Certificate cancelled by Local Authority	1

F A C T O R Y A C T , 1 9 3 7

Inspection for purposes of provisions as to health (including
inspections made by the Public Health Inspector)

	Number on the Register	Number of		Occupier Prosecuted
		Inspections	Written Notices	
1. Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 enforced by Local Authority	2	4	-	-
2. Factories not included in 1. to which Section 7 applies	25	29	3	-
3. Other premises under the Act (excluding out-workers premises)				
Total.....	27	33	3	-

Defects Found in Factories

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Number of Defects		
			Referred to H. M. Inspector	Referred to H. M. Inspector	Number of Prosecutions
Want of cleanliness (Section 1)	7	7	-	-	-
Want of ventilation (Section 4)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (Section 2)	-	-	-	-	-
Want of drainage to floors (Section 6)	-	-	-	-	-
(Insufficient Sanitary (Unsuitable of defective Accommodation (Not seperate for sexes	- 2 -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -
Other offences (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	9	7	-	-	-

RODENT CONTROL
REPORT FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1961.

	TYPE OF PROPERTY				
	Non-Agricultural				Agricultural
	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses (including Council Houses)	All other (including business premises)	Total of Cols. 1, 2 & 3	
Number of properties in Local Authority's District	2	4193	554	4747	51
Number of properties inspected as a result of:					
(a) Notification	-	91	30	121	4
(b) Survey Under Act	2	53	-	55	
(c) Otherwise (E.G. when visited primarily for some other purpose)	-	27	18	45	16
Number of properties inspected (in Section 11) which were found to be infested by:					
Rats (Major)	-	-	-	-	-
(Minor)	2	109	19	130	2
Mice (Major)	-	-	-	-	-
(Minor)	-	7	2	9	-
Number of infested properties (in Section 111) treated by Local Authority	2	97	19	118	2
Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act:					
(a) Treatment	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Structural Work (i.e. Proofing)	-	-	-	-	-
Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Sect. of the Act	-	-	-	-	-
Legal Proceedings					
Number of "Block" control schemes carried out	-	-	-	-	-

Summary of visits made which are not classified elsewhere
in the Report

Complaints

Total number investigated (all premises)..... 323

Animals etc, kept

Piggeries.....	19
Stables.....	4
Fowls, pigeons.....	40

Drainage

Number of main or branch drains tested or inspected.....	61
Number of visits to work in progress.....	80

Dwelling Houses

Number of visits in connection with complaints.....	191
Number of visits in connection with infectious disease.....	3
Number of visits in connection with the Rent Act, 1957.....	12
Investigation into living conditions.....	19

Miscellaneous

Visits not otherwise classified..... 40

In conclusion, I should like to thank all
Officers of all departments of the Council for their kind and
willing co-operation during the year.

I am,
Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Brown and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

J. LLOYD JONES

Public Health Inspector
and Shops Inspector.

